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SUBJECT: VISIT BY NATO SATCOM WORKING GROUP ADVISORY PANEL (SCWGAP) TO US INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES

- 1. THE CHAIRMAN SCWGAP (MAIR, INTERNATIONAL STAFF) HAS REQUESTED OUR ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING VISITS BY THE PANEL TO SELECTED US SATCOM ORGANIZATIONS AND INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES. (WE UNDERSTAND THAT HE HAS MADE PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS THROUGH THE US MEMBER OF THE PANEL.) THE PURPOSE OF THE VISITS IS TO OBTAIN FIRST-HAND INFORMATION ON THE STATE OF THE ART AND ON COSTS. THE PANEL NEEDS THIS INFORMATION TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE NEXT-GENERATION NATO COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE, NOW PLANNED TO ENTER SERVICE IN ABOUT 1983 OR 1984.
- 2. MAIR HAS SUGGESTED THE FOLLOWING ITINERARY, STATING THAT HE WELCOMES SUGGESTED CHANGES, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS:

MAY 12 ARRIVE CONUS
MAY 13 VISIT DEFENSE COMMUNICATIONS ENGINEERING CENTER
MAY 16 VISIT USASATCOMA
MAY 17-19 VISIT GENERAL ELECTRIC CO. (2 DAYS) AND RCA (1 DAY)
MAY 20 VISIT HQ SACLANT (ARRANGED SEPARATELY)
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MAY 24-25 VISIT SAMSO
MAY 26 - VISIT HUGHES AIRCRAFT, TRW, MAGNAVOX,
JUNE 1 - AEROFORD, AND LOCKHEED (ONE DAY EACH)

- 3. THE VISITING GROUP WOULD PROBABLY NUMBER ABOUT EIGHT. IF THE US AGREES TO THE VISIT, MAIR WILL PROVIDE NAMES, SECURITY CLEARANCES, AND OTHER PERTINENT DETAILS.
- 4. WE RECOMMEND THAT THE US AGREE TO THE VISIT AND SUPPORT IT APPROPRIATELY. REQUEST GUIDANCE.STRAUSZ-HUPE

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